

Beaumont Hospitals

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Dear Representative:

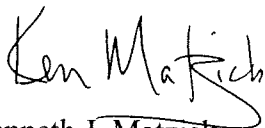
On behalf of Beaumont Hospitals I am writing to ask your support for House Bill 4163, The Smoke Free Air legislation. We believe that passage of this legislation will result in significant health care savings for all citizens and businesses in our state.

Smoking is a leading contributor to heart disease, hypertension, cancer and other diseases that reduce workers' productivity and are estimated to cost \$3.4 billion in health care costs in Michigan each year. And, as importantly, exposure to second-hand smoke causes health problems for individuals who choose not to smoke but are not protected in their workplace.

Beaumont Hospitals will voluntarily become smoke-free for our employees, patients and visitors by this fall. We believe, as both a health care provider and employer of 15,000 employees, this is the right thing to do to promote health in our region. I urge you to adopt smoke-free legislation for all workplaces.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kenneth J. Matzick
President and Chief Executive Officer

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